been occasions involving misuse of Coin Type Public Call Officers (PCO) in MTNL by some mischievous elements.

(c) and (d) This was possible only in case of old version of Coin Collection Boxes (CCB). However, all such types have been replaced by modified version.

Opening of internet dhabas/cyber cafes

1734. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to open 6,000 internet dhabas/cyber cafes in different parts of country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the project regarding time frame, locations, finance and other things?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has proposed to setup approximately 6,260 Internet dhabas/cyber cafes in all the Block Headquarters in the country by 2nd October, 2001 provided franchisees are available for setting up these dhabas. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL), Delhi has proposed to setup 27 such dhabas. In MTNL, Mumbai two such dhabas are already operating. The details regarding finance and other guidelines are given in the statement.

Statement

Details regarding finance and other guidelines for opening up of Internet Dhabas/Cyber Cafes by BSNL and MTNL

(A) *Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited*

(a) Internet dhaba franchisees selection criteria will be open for all unemployed persons.

(b) Free Internet access will be permitted for the Internet dhabas in the rural block Headquarters as defined by the respective State Government. Free Internet access for 1500 hours per annum will be permitted in Urban Block. Headquarters as defined by the respective State Government.

(c) The Internet dhabas franchisees in both rural and urban block HQs. will be paid Commission @ 25% of the PSTN access charges which works out to Rs. 6/-per hour.

(d) The charges to be levied by the Internet dhaba franchisees from the customer will be decided by the market forces and franchisees may decide the usage charges on hourly/half hourly/quarter hourly basis depending on the economics.

(e) If any existing PCO franchisee applies for upgradation of the existing PCO as Internet PCO, he will be permitted and the above concession will be allowed on the same.

(f) When the franchisee asks for the telephone line for making Internet access, it will be provided on out of turn basis but STD/ISD facility will not be provided on line. However, the line is not provided free of cost and the franchisee has to pay the registration fee.

(g) If any franchisee wants to set up the Internet dhaba at place other than at the Block HQs. It is allowed with the same concession.

(h) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) will provide training to the employees in the Internet and if required, even to the franchisees, from BSNL's training centres. The cost of the training will be borne by the BSNL and other charges etc. including boarding, lodging, transport etc. will be borne by the franchisees.

(i) Multiple accessories not allowed and access shall be restricted from only one telephone connection.

(j) If Block HQ concept is not there in any State and are followed as hoblies, mandal etc. the Head of the Circle may consult the State Government authorities and decide equivalent level of the Block HQs for setting up of the Internet dhabas by the franchisees.

(k) The BSNL will not be the guarantor for the loan to materialize for the franchisee to procure infrastructure for the Internet dhaba. The BSNL may issue a provisional letter of allotment. Other formalities will be fulfilled by the franchisee.

(l) Attractive schemes have been launched by the State SC/ST Finance Corporation, Minority Development and Finance Corporation, Safai Karamcharis Development Finance Corporation whereby they advance 85% of the cost of the project for establishing Internet dhabas in rural Block HQs to the willing entrepreneurs belonging to these categories. Remaining 15% is to be funded by the franchisees himself/herself.

(B) *Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited*

The details regarding time frame, locations, finance and other things of the project is in initial stages and its modalities are being worked out in respect of MTNL, Delhi.

Bill collection facility at Parliament House/Parliament House Annexe

1735. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of facilities provided by MTNL counter at Parliament House/Parliament House Annexe;

(b) whether it is a fact that the telephone bill collection facility is not made available at the said counter for the customers;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when, the above said facility will be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Following facilities are being provided by MTNL counter at Parliament House Annexe:

(i) Sale of VCC Card.

(ii) STD/ISD/PCO

(iii) Registration of Mobile Phone 'Dolphin'.

(iv) Registration of New Telephone Connection.

(b) to (d) Bill collection facility through cheque only has been started from 06.08.2001.

Revenue collected from private telecom operators

1736. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of revenue collected from private telecom operators for the last one year;

(b) whether all the cellular services in various sectors have been commissioned;